



AGC/WSDOT ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting of October 28, 2004

AGC Office, Tacoma WA

Attending:

Frank Scarsella	<u>X</u>	Brenden Johnson	<u>X</u>	Chris Deane	<u>X</u>
Dan Glover	___	Bill Grady	___	Joe Spink	___
Ray Arnold	<u>X</u>	Jim Spaid	___	Terry Mattson	<u>X</u>
Larry Eik	<u>X</u>	Jeff Peterson	___	Mike Morishige	___
Ken Stone	___	Kyle Zender	___	Bob Glenn	___

Minutes of September 16, 2004 Meeting

Distributed copies and a discussion followed regarding the specification for the disposal of excess material. A concern was voiced about Department of Ecologies reasoning on this issue. What happens if a waste site is converted to a topsoil site at a later date? Are comments being addressed? When will these new requirements go into effect?

The above comments will be reviewed with the subject experts.

Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings

The Administration Team met on October 15, 2004, minutes from that meeting were distributed.

The Structures Team met on October 22, 2004, the minutes are not available at this time.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at The State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

Section 8-01.3E, Detention / Retention Ponds – a concern was brought up that the reason this section refers to not excavating to final grade involves infiltration basins, yet the text doesn't mention infiltration. A concern was also voiced that if infiltration basins are being constructed, the final grade should not be achieved until the end of the project so as to minimize any compaction and plugging.

New Business

Section 2-09.3(4), Shoring or Extra Excavation – a concern was brought up with the measurement limits for this item. Revisions will be made to clarify the limits for this work.

Environmental Compliance and Incentives for Environmental Success -

Kevin Dayton presented an overview of the Environmental Compliance white paper. He explained that the department wants to be pro-active dealing with environmental issues. The expectation is to safeguard the department and contractor from violations, project delays, and expense.

He went on to discuss how environmental procedures have evolved – years ago projects had minimal environmental requirements. The next evolution was to include bid items for specific environmental work. We are now moving towards including a bid item for an Environmental Compliance Lead (ECL) person that will handle environmental permits and help to assure project success.

The ECL will need to be properly trained to ensure that regulatory compliance is being maintained. They will report directly to the contractor and be responsible for the development and maintenance of the contractors overall compliance efforts. They will be available for early review before problems occur.

Kevin asked the question if folks thought additional items should be included along with the ECL? Should this be paid by force account or with a bid item?

Kevin also went on to discuss the proposal of a monetary incentive for contractors to perform environmentally friendly work. This incentive would not be included on all projects, only projects with sensitive areas. The payments would escalate as the duration without violations increases.

He stressed the importance of the complying with environmental regulations and the development of open communication between the department, contractors, and resource agencies.

Draft copies of the Environmental Compliance white paper, and Incentive For Environmental Success were handed out to the team for their review and comments.

The roadway team had a general discussion and brainstorming on the effects of this new policy. Staffing and training needs were included in this discussion along with structuring of the incentive. The overall thought was that this would be beneficial on environmentally sensitive project.

The team will meet with their staffs to review the information presented and provide comments back to Ron Howard and Larry Eik by November 3rd.

Further input and development of specifications for the ECL will be deferred until the next meeting.

Other Business

Discussion Topics

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables

Next Meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, December 9, 2004** at the Tacoma AGC office beginning at **8:00am**.

The Annual Meeting is January 6, 2005 at the Fircrest Golf Club in Fircrest (Tacoma Vic.)